

# ***TECHNICAL NOTES***

**Table 2.** “Total” Category includes all other races not shown separately. The National Health Interview Survey refers to limitation of activity as a reduction in a person’s capacity to perform the usual kind or amount of activities associated with his or her age group. Individuals are classified according to his or her limitations as follows:

Persons unable to carry on major activity;  
 Persons limited in the amount or kind of major activity performed;  
 Persons not limited in major activity but otherwise limited; and  
 Persons not limited in activity.

Major activity is defined as follows: the principal activity of a person or of his or her age-sex group. For adults 18 to 69 years of age, the major activity usually refers to a job, housework, or school attendance; for persons 70 years of age and over, the major activity refers to the capacity or independent living (bathe, shop, dress, or eat without needing the help of another person)<sup>i</sup>.

## **Sub-Groups of Nursing Home Residents**

Sub-Group Title	Abbreviation	Source	Definition
Incontinent	Incont.	Maryland Long Term Care Survey: MDS data item.	Incontinent or Frequently Incontinent on admission
Cognitively Impaired	Cog. Imp.	Maryland Long Term Care Survey: MDS data item.	
Heavy or Heavy Special Care	H/HS Care	Maryland Long Term Care Survey: Degree of Care as defined by the Medical Care Policy Administration for nursing home reimbursement.	Heavy or Heavy-special care on admission
Moderate Care	Moderate or Moderate Care	Same as above	Moderate Care on admission
Light Care	Light or Light Care	Save as above	Light Care on admission
Principle Diagnosis of Circulatory System Diseases	Circ. Dx	ICD-9 codes reported in the Maryland Long Term Care Survey	Circulatory System diagnosis on admission. Includes ICD-9 codes 390.XX – 398.XX, 401.XX – 405.XX, 410.XX – 417.XX, and 420.XX – 438.XX.
Principle Diagnosis of	Mental Dx	Same as above	Mental Disorder

Mental Disorders			diagnosis on admission. Includes ICD-9 codes 290.XX – 319.XX, 250.XX – 289.XX.
Principle Diagnosis of Diseases of the nervous and sense organs	Nervous/Sense	Same as above	Disease of nervous or sense organs diagnosis on admission. Includes ICD-9 codes 320.XX – 326.XX, 330.XX – 337.XX, 340.XX – 389.XX
Age less than 65 Years	< 65	Maryland Long Term Care Survey	Age as of December 31, 1997 calculated from date of birth
Age 85 years and over	>=85	Maryland Long Term Care Survey	Age as of December 31 1997 calculated from date of birth

<sup>i</sup> National Center for Health Statistics. Health, United States, 1999 With Health and Aging Chartbook.

<sup>i</sup> Income of the Aged Chartbook. Social Security Administration; Office of Policy; Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics.

<sup>i</sup> Kraus, Lewis E., Stoddard, Susan, and Gilmartin, David (1996). Chartbook on Disability in the United States, 1996. An InfoUse report. Washington, DC: U.S. National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

<sup>i</sup> Jans, L., & Stoddard, S. (1999). Chartbook on Women and disability in the United States. An Info Use Report. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation research.

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